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Thou, in whose Name the two or three
are met today to meet with thee,
fulfill to us thine own sure word,
and be thou here thyself, O Lord.

Today, our week, but now begun,
already half its course hath run;
to thee are known its toils and cares,
to thee its trials and its snares.

Thou by whose grace alone we live,
our oft-repeated sins forgive;
be thou our counsel, strength and stay,
through all the perils of our way.

Give thankful hearts thy gifts to share;
give steadfast wills thy cross to bear;
and when life's working days are past
give rest with all thy saints at last.

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